Officer setting forth the names and description of the parties to every such assignment transfer or sub-lease and the particulars and effect thereof [Condition I(8) of Schedule X to CLA Rules 1937].

(v) *Lease of Agricultural Land*: Not to assign under-let, transfer or part with possession of the said land or any part thereof or any of his/their right or interests therein under these presents without the written sanction of the Military Estates Officer/Cantonment Board [Condition I(6) of Schedule XIV to CLA 1937].

Purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer

8146. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 300 crores for the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer for Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, by when the acquisition of the Jet Trainer is likey to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No Government sanction has as yet been issued for the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer. However, a budegtary a location of Rs. 300 crores has been made, for this purpose, in the financial year 1995-96. After completion of technical negotiations with short listed vendors, a Detailed Project Report has been prepared to facilitate commercial negotiations.

Pending cases of pensions of army men

8147. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are pending with Government regarding pensions of army men;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in disposing of these cases; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to speedily dispose of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) As on 30.4.1995, 5,135 pension claims of retired/released Army personnel and 2,168 family pension claims of widows of ex-Army personnel were pending. The oldest pending service pension claim relates to March, 1995 and of family pension pertains to February, 1995. There is no delay in settlement of pension claims of the Army personnel. For expeditious settlement of pension claims; extensive computerisation has been introduced.

Freign journey undertaken by officers of Directorate of Defence Estates

8148. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wheether it is a fact that Government have allowed some of the senior officers of the Directorate of Defence Estates, Central Command to undertake foreign journey;

(b) whether some of the officers have been repeatedly visiting foreign countries;

(c) whether expenditure is being incurred by such officers much beyond the resources available to them as per the known sources of their income;

(d) if so, the facts and details of the officers who were allowed to undertake private visits to foreign countries during the last three years;

(e) whether Government will enquire the sources of their income other than salaries etc.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. One Indian Defence Estates Service Officer posted in the Central Command has been granted

permission to visit a foreign country.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Buildings on rent in Bangalore with Defence Personnel

8149. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many buildings belonging to Private Parties have been requisitioned on rent for Defence Personnel in Bangalore;

(b) how many of the buildings were released during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 in Bangalore and the names of the persons whose buildings were released;

(c) what is the criteria adopted for releasing the buildings; and

(d) how many requests for releasing the buildings from the possession of defence personnel in Bangalore are pending at present with Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No private building has been requisitioned for Defence Personnel at Bangalore. However, the number of hired private buildings with Defence in Bangalore is 66. The number of buildings released at Bangalore during 1992-93 to 1994-95 is as under:—

1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
17	9	48

The names of the persons whose buildings were releaaed is given in the list attached. (*See* below).

(c) Houses hired on revised agreement forms after March, 1976 are dehired on the expiry of the stipulated period of lease. Houses declared as unhygienic, uninhabitable and unpopular are also considered for de-hiring based on the recommendations of a Board of Officers. In addition, de-hiring of houses is also done on orders of Rent Controller/Civil Courts. In pre-1976 hiring cases, de-hiring of houses is permitted on requests from owners subject to the following conditions:—

(i) De-hiring is strictly in the order of the date of their hiring.

(ii) De-hiring of houses is limited to 10 per cent of fresh accommodation which may become available either by construction or by fresh hiring.

(d) Nine requests for release of buildings are pending with the competent authority.

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List of persons whose buildings were dehired

Period	Sl. No.	Name of the persons whose buildings were released
1992-93	1.	His Highness Mahraja Jyotendra Singhji
	2.	Smt. M. Radhabai
	3.	Mr. Ziaulla Sheriff